

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4 – 11, 13 – 15, and 18 – 21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, and 8 are currently amended; claims 2, 3, 12, 16, and 17 have been canceled; claims 7, 13, 15, 18, and 21 were previously presented; and claims 4 – 6, 9 – 11, 14, 19, and 20 remain unchanged from the original versions thereof. Claims 1, 8, 13, 18, and 21 are the independent claims herein.

No new matter has been added to the application as a result of the amendments submitted herewith.

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

Claims 1 and 4 – 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention. This rejection is traversed.

In reply thereto, claims 1 and 8 are currently amended to recite “receiving, by a multipoint controller, an indication of a need for a media processor to host a new conference;” and “determining by the multipoint controller, for each of a plurality of media processors under the control of [[a]] the multipoint controller, “ (additions and deletions highlighted). Thus, it is clear that the claimed methods of claims 1 and 8 are, at least, positively tied to a “particular machine”. Namely, claims 1 and 8 are tied to the positively and particularly claimed “multipoint controller”.

Support for the current claim amendments is provided in the Specification at, for example, paragraph [0025].

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 8, as amended by the present claim amendments, overcome the rejection under 35 USC 101. Applicant further submits that claims 4 – 7 and 9 – 11 are also patentable under 35 USC 101 for at least depending from an allowable base claim.

Accordingly, Applicant requests thee reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 4 – 11 under 35 USC 101, and the allowance of same.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In particular, the Office Action indicated claims 13 – 15 and 18 – 21 are allowable.

C O N C L U S I O N

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of pending claims 1, 4 – 11, 13 – 15, and 18 - 21. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-5985.

Respectfully submitted,

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